



**Chairperson Vice-Chair**

## **DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, May 14, 2009**

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at New Providence Baptist Church, 18211 Plymouth Rd. in Detroit, Michigan.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Jim Holley  
Ronald L. Griffin  
Toney Stewart (**ABS**)  
Adela Rivera  
Mohamed Okdie

Cmdr. Duane McKissic  
Cmdr. Jeffrey Romeo  
Cmdr. Dwayne Love  
Insp. Steve Carlin  
Insp. Billy Jackson  
Lt. Rita Serra  
Lt. Terry Herbert  
Sgt. Bernard Beck-O' Steen  
Sgt. Allan Quinn  
P.O. Timothy Cox  
P.O. Thomas Kilgore  
P.O. Randall Coleman

##### **Department Personnel Present**

AC Ronald Fleming  
DC Herbert Moreland  
DC Jamie Fields  
DC James Tolbert  
2<sup>nd</sup> DC Mark Thomas  
Cmdr. Brian Davis  
Cmdr. Robert Ennis  
Cmdr. Morris Wells  
Cmdr. Todd Bettison  
Cmdr. Linda Peltier  
Cmdr. John Serda  
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee  
Cmdr. Shereece Fleming-Freeman  
Insp. Gary Saroka  
Insp. Nick Kyriacou  
Lt. Herbert Myles  
Lt. Sherri Oliver  
Sgt. Darran Carey  
Sgt. Sammir Jaafar  
P.O. Sophia Nelms  
P.O. Dwight Featherstone  
P.O. Kenneth Crawford

**Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.  
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator  
Lt. Lashinda Houser, Police Personnel Bureau  
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator  
P.O. Kent Cooper (**ABS**)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sandra Hunt  
Bernice Smith  
Raymond Deloitte  
Commissioner Burton Leland  
Gary McElroy  
Stew Jackson  
Charley Thomas  
Beverly Wolle  
Chinita Terry  
Mary McKissic  
Janice Slomba-Koss  
Jenn Gross-Lopez  
Brad Wilson  
Emma Davis  
Linda Wesley  
Earline Jones  
Stephen Philpor  
Catherine Mitchell  
Darlene Turner  
Leslie Hosley  
R. Duma  
Stuart Jackson  
Monique McCormick  
Pat White  
Angela Gilliam

Renee Johnson  
Harvey Santana  
Loretta Deloitte  
Brenda Griffin  
Judith Spratley  
Lela LaPeek  
Jannie Moss  
Pauline McKiney  
Tammy Terry  
Leah McKissic  
Linda Gross  
Yolanda Jonier  
Suzanne Purzycki  
Edward Payon  
Terra DeFoe  
Rev. Melvin Green  
Nancy Arnoup  
Michele Day  
Denise Carr  
T. McKissic  
JoJo Sanford  
Rochelle Jackson  
Michelle Joyner  
Ron Scott  
Mary McKissic

## **RECORDERS**

PO Terrence Bell  
Robert Brown (**ABS**)

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairperson Holley** called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:43 p.m.

He recognized the Pastor of the church, and stated the Board is pleased to be here.

**Comm. Griffin** read the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Police Commissioners.

### **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- **Thursday, May 14, 2009**

**MOTION:** **Comm. Griffin** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Okdie** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Thursday, May 7, 2009**

**MOTION:** **Comm. Griffin** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

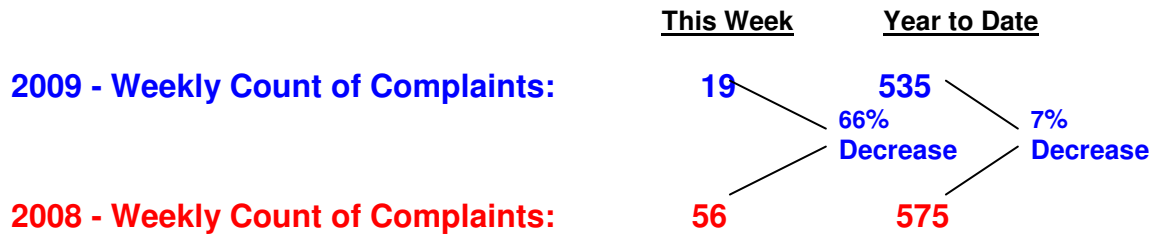
**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

#### 4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

##### 1. CHAIRPERSON

##### 2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

##### CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of 1,214 active investigations, of which 417 of those are for 2009. A total of 597 investigations have been closed since January 1, 2009.

##### TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 05/14/09	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
1	10TH PRECINCT						1				1
1	CENTRAL		1				1				2
4	EASTERN		4								4
1	NORTHEASTERN		1	1							2
2	NORTHWESTERN		1							1	2
2	SOUTHWESTERN		2								2
1	TCRU		1								1
7	Unknown Command		4	1	1		6				12
19			14	2	1		8			1	26

## 5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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# *Detroit Police Department*

## *Report to the Board of Police Commissioners*



### Special Points of Interest:

#### • Next meeting:

Thursday, May 21, 2009

@ 3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Department**  
**1300 Beaubien St. #328A**  
**Detroit, Michigan 48226**

### ***"Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships"***

*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*

### **SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

#### **Domestic Violence**

On May 7, 2009, officers of the Domestic Violence Arrest Team arrested a subject who was wanted on warrants for "Assault with Intent to Murder, Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm Less Than Murder, Motor Vehicle-Unlawful Driving, and Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (Felonious Assault)."

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## **Engaging the Community**

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District/Precinct stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
7737 Kercheval	*8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	628-2121
19810 Grand River	*9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	870-0649
13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
2575 S. Schaefer	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	297-9423
20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
13206 E. Jefferson	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	821-5851
22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	343-7506
14700 Mack	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	852-4046

\* Mini-Stations– Monday –Friday

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## *Police / Community Intervention*

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### Twelfth Precinct

On May 6, 2009, while on routine patrol in the area of Manor and Keeler, officers of the Twelfth Precinct investigated a subject playing loud music from a vehicle. As a result of their investigation, the subject was arrested and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon." A weapon was confiscated.



### Northwestern District

On May 7, 2009, officers of Northwestern District responded to the 22000 block of Fenkell on a "Breaking & Entering in Progress." Subsequent to their investigation, two subjects were arrested and charged with "Attempt Breaking & Entering of a Business." One of the subjects was also charged with "Habitual Offender 2nd."



### Southwestern District

On May 8, 2009, officers of the Southwestern District arrested a subject who was wanted for "Home Invasion" in the 8000 block of Lane. The subject was charged with "Home Invasion 2nd, Malicious Destruction of Property, and Habitual 3rd."



### Eastern District

Officers of the Eastern District responded to the 5000 block of Cope on a "Subject identified in a Robbery." Subsequent to their investigation on May 6, 2009, a subject was identified, arrested, and charged with "Robbery Not Armed."

**AC Fleming** stated the Chief's office has several items that will come before this Board today. The first is the recommendation to appoint Mark A. Thomas as 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Chief.

**MOTION:** **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Recommendation.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

<Introduction of Mark Thomas and remarks made by Thomas inaudible.>

He introduced Cmdr. Love of the Northwestern District.

**Cmdr. Love** gave a brief overview of the initiatives to reduce crime in the Northwestern District. He introduced Lt. Oliver of Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative (C.A.G.I.)

**Lt. Oliver** spoke about the collaboration with ATF, FBI, MSP, and the U.S. Attorney's Office. Their mission is to reduce violent crimes in targeted area of the District. She also spoke about the successes of C.A.G.I.

**Comm. Griffin** asked what District is C.A.G.I. currently in.

**Cmdr. Love** stated in the Northwestern and Southwestern Districts.

**AC Fleming** introduced Cmdr. Bettison of the Copper Theft Task Force.

**Cmdr. Bettison** gave an update on copper theft and its success. He introduced PO Cox.

**P.O. Cox** stated he attended a trial hearing for an individual who was the ring leader of copper theft in the City of Detroit and pleaded guilty today.

**Chairperson Holley** stated his only concern is the little guy get busted but nothing seems to happening to the person who is buying it. He wanted to know who is sending the cooper to China and how is it that they are selling it back to the US.

**Cmdr. Bettison** stated the individual that was arrested was paid over \$400,000 from various scrap yards. The department has begun to do inspection at the scraps yards which they has issued numerous of violations.

**Chairperson Holley** stated he appreciates that, but he is waiting for them to get the people who own the ship that is taking it to China.

**SEE ATTACHMENT**

**Cmdr. Romeo** gave an update and overview of the Consent Decree and how the city got into the Consent Judgments.

**Chairperson Holley** asked “how is the information being sent to the community so they can have some involvement”.

**Cmdr. Romeo** stated it is on the department web site along with new policies.

**Chairperson Holley** stated to the Board and the citizens that this information is being distributed on the web site for citizens’ feedback.

**Cmdr. Romeo** stated that’s correct.

**Comm. Griffin** asked “how does this department compare to other departments’ that are also under the Consent Decree”.

**Cmdr. Romeo** stated Los Angeles has been under a Consent Decree since 2000 and has only gotten out of a portion of it. He also stated that new legislation regarding inspections may be passed for the New Jersey State Police who is also under the Consent Decree.

**Chairperson Holley** stated as a result this will make for a better police department.

**Cmdr. Romeo** stated that’s correct.

**Comm. Rivera** wanted to know if the individuals with the police academy shirts are part of a large organization.

**Lt. Herbert** stated those individuals are alumni of the Citizen Police Academy. They went through an eight week course.

**Chairperson Holley** congratulated AC Fleming on being reappointed as the Assistant Chief by Mayor Bing and Chief Barren. He thanked the Mayor Bing for reappointing them.

**6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no standing committee reports.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### **1. GRANT: REQUEST PERMISSION TO ACCEPT A DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT GRANT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF OCTOBER 1, 2008 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2009, CFS CONTRACT 09-04-050**

The Wayne County Children and Family Services Department (CFS) has granted the Detroit Police Department **\$50,000.00**, with no cash match, to update the Department's computerized database (desk blotter) to collect specific information on juveniles detained by the Detroit Police Department. This will develop and expand pre-adjudication diversionary programs with a view towards reducing disproportionate minority contact with the juvenile justice system. The grant is funded for one year (October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009) and it is anticipated that it will be reviewed for each of the following two years with a final termination of September 20, 2011.

If approval is granted to accept this funding, Commander Robert Ennis, of Investigative Operations, would serve as the project director. The appropriation number is 12947.

The Chief is requesting the Board's permission to accept this award and seek approval of the attached resolution from the Honorable Detroit City Council.

**MOTION:** **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Grant.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

### **2. GRANT: REQUEST TO ACCEPT AN INCREASE IN FUNDING FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN COMPREHENSIVE ANTI-GANG INITIATIVE**

The Detroit Police Department (DPD) was awarded a grant in the amount of **\$309,999.00, with no cash match** from the Eastern District of Michigan Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative (CAGI). This grant is currently in the city of Detroit Fiscal 2008-2009 Budget (Appropriation no. 12545, Cost Center no. 372490) for **\$300,000.00**. Fortunately, the DPD was awarded a **\$9,999.00 increase**.

The Eastern District of Michigan Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative (CAGI) overall goal is to reduce gang crime and violence through coordinated enforcement, prevention/intervention, and reentry efforts by 1) reducing the occurrence of violent gang-related incidents in the targeted areas, employing evidence-based approaches to assist former gang members and youth acquire the skills and opportunities needed to avoid criminal behaviors; 2) reducing recidivism rates for gang involved youth returning to the targeted communities; and 3) building capacity and equipping organizations with the skills, access to information, and training that will improve their ability to positively impact recidivism, employment, and substance abuse among gang-involved former prisoners in grant funding

As approved by the grantor, the funding will be split evenly (\$154,999.50 each) between the Northwestern and Southwestern Districts for projects in their respective areas. Funding will be utilized for overtime, travel, equipment, and supplies.

If approval is granted to accept this funding, Lieutenant Shari Oliver, of the Northwestern District, would serve as the project director. The United Way for Southeastern Michigan will serve as the fiscal agent for the grant.

The Chief is requesting the Board's permission to accept this funding and seek approval from the Honorable Detroit City Council.

**MOTION:**     **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Grant.

**SECOND:**     **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**        All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**Chairperson Holley** stated to AC Fleming that the person who works on these Grants deserves to be recognized with something special.

**AC Fleming** stated the first step was to have Grants and Contracts assigned under him to make sure that there wasn't any problems when it came to applying for certain funds.

**Chairperson Holley** asked Mr. Hale, President of the Northwestern District Community Relations to come and bring greetings.

**D. Hale** thanked everyone for attending and thanked the men and women in blue for all of the great work that they do.

**Comm. Okdie** stated he attended the last Northwestern Community Relations meeting and it was well attended.

**WHEREAS**     Ms. Finesse Roberts, lifelong Detroiter has been committed to serving the community. She attended Davison Elementary and Cleveland Junior High School. She also graduated from Pershing High School in 1963. She has two wonderful children and is a loving grandmother of two (2) granddaughters and one (1) grandson; and

**WHEREAS**     Ms. Roberts has worked for the United States Postal Service for a total of thirty-nine (39) years where she has held numerous positions. Ms. Roberts also received numerous awards for her participation with the Combined Federal Campaign which focused on various charities through payroll education in an effort to assist those in need. Ms. Roberts has participated on various committees at the Post Office such as the Affirmative Action, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and the Women's Committee which provided assistance to minorities abroad; and

**WHEREAS**     Ms. Roberts received her Real Estate license in 1979 and has met and assisted numerous families in purchasing dream homes within the Metropolitan Detroit area. Given to community and serving, Ms. Roberts' outreach to her family,

friends and colleagues is a characteristic she always displays. She can be called upon to serve at a moments notice and has served for many events within the Northwestern District. A longtime member of the Northwestern Police Community Relations Council, she currently serves as Vice President and has been President of the Coyle Street Block Club for ten (10) years; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Roberts has willingly participated in several large Northwestern District events such as Motor City Make-Over, Anti Crime Walks, National Night Out, Police Week Festivities, Halloween Task Force and has devotedly served as the Chairperson for the Annual Police Officer's Appreciation Luncheons. A mentor at the Reggie McKenzie Foundation, an organization focusing on single mothers and their children, Ms. Roberts' mentorship has helped to transition those families into healthy productive citizens. She was also nominated and chosen to receive the Smooth Jazz V98.7 Acts of Kindness award; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Roberts is a spiritual woman who always puts the Lord first in her life. She attends Detroit's Hartford Memorial Baptist Church and has been a faithful member for more than 25 years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of the City of Detroit recognize the diligent service and unwavering commitment to community development of Ms. Finese Roberts.

Her giving and devoted service to ensuring a high quality of life for all the citizens in Detroit merit our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Ms. Finese Roberts.

**DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ Jim Holley  
Chairperson

/s/Rev. Ronald L. Griffin  
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Toney Stewart  
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE**

/s/ Adela Rivera  
Commissioner

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
May 14, 2009

/s/ Mohamed Okdie  
Commissioner

**MOTION:** Comm. Okdie made the motion to approve the Resolution.

**SECOND:** Comm. Griffin seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**AC Fleming** presented Ms. Roberts with the Certificate of Recognition from the police department.

**Cmdr. Love** presented Ms. Roberts with the Spirit of Detroit Award on behalf of the Detroit City Council.

**F. Roberts** thanked everyone for recognizing her with these awards.

**WHEREAS** Native Detroiters Ms. Mary E. McKissic, has resided in the City of Detroit for more than 70 years. She attended and graduated from Wingert Elementary School and Northwestern High School. Upon furthering her education, she received an Associates degree from Highland Park Community College, a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, as well as a Masters of Arts in Education. She also served as an administrator and teacher at Wayne County Community College for more than 30 years. Devoted to helping others reach their potential, Ms. McKissic wrote, developed and implemented the Adult Education Program currently running at the Wayne County Community College. She was also responsible for the program receiving over \$1 million in grant funding; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. McKissic was the representative for the Junior Community Colleges and Private Business Schools for the Michigan Business Education Association from 1999-2003. She currently educates adjudicated youth at the Don Bosco Hall; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. McKissic served as Secretary of the Virginia Park Association in 1959 and was a member of the Muirland Street Block Club in 1963. She has been a member of the Russell Woods Sullivan Area Association since 1988 and has served as Vice President, Treasurer and Chairperson of the Park Culture Committee. Additionally, Ms. McKissic has served as Chairperson of the Political Action Committee (PAC) and is presently serving on the Deacon Board at Harford Memorial Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. McKissic attended the Detroit Police Department's Citizen's Police Academy and joined the Detroit Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association (DCPAAA) in 2003. To this honor, she served as Vice President for two years and is currently serving her second year as President of the DCPAAA; and

**WHEREAS** The goal of the Detroit Police Department's Citizen's Police Academy and the DCPAAA is to strengthen the partnership between the community and the department. In support of this goal, Ms. McKissic directed and implemented the *Courtesy Greeters* who provide on-site communicative assistance to police officers in all of the Detroit Police Department District and Precincts; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. McKissic has been an outstanding example of serving and leadership.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of Detroit recognize the diligent service and life commitment of Ms. Mary Esther McKissic. Her unmatched spirit of giving, community service, commitment to education, life-long learning and leadership is highly regarded.

We thank and congratulate you, Ms. Mary Esther McKissic.

**DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ Jim Holley  
Chairperson

/s/Rev. Ronald L. Griffin  
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Toney Stewart  
Commissioner

/s/ Adela Rivera Commissioner	<b>ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS May 14, 2009</b>	/s/ Mohamed Okdie Commissioner
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**MOTION:** **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Resolution.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**AC Fleming and Commander McKissic** presented Ms. McKissic with the Certificate of Recognition from the police department.

**L. Wesley (Brenda Jones Representative)** presented Ms. McKissic with the Spirit of Detroit Award on behalf of the Detroit City Council.

**M. McKissic** thanked everyone for recognizing her with these awards.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

**Chairperson Holley** asked his colleagues if it is okay to have the Deaf and Blind do a presentation on May 28, 2009 at the next Board meeting.

**MOTION:** **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Recommendation.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Thursday, May 21, 2009  
Police Headquarters  
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A  
Detroit, MI 48226

**10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**S. Hunt** stated she is here on the hit and run accident of her brother James Hunt and is having difficulties contacting Mark Zellman who is assigned to the case.

**AC Fleming** stated DC Tolbert will assist you in this matter.

**R. Johnson** stated she lives in the Mayfield Park area and there is an increase of break-ins and would like some assistance.

**AC Fleming** stated there is a Task Force designated for her area but she can also speak with Cmdr. Love.

**B. Smith** stated she met with the new Mayor and recommended that he keep the current police structure in tact.

**C. Thomas** stated he recruited several individuals for the police department; they have taken the test but haven't heard anything lately.

**Chairperson Holley** stated Lt. Houser will speak to him after the meeting.

**H. Santana** thanked the department for sending Sgt. Jaafar to their meetings. He stated the Warrendale community needs more bilingual programs and literature.

**R. Deloitte** asked why can't the department have a special number and patrol unit for stripping of homes.

**AC Fleming** stated he will talk to Mr. Deloitte after the meeting because the department has developed some initiatives to address that problem.

**L. Deloitte** stated they also have an issue with a pit bull dog.

**AC Fleming** stated the department will visit the owner of the address that she gave them.

**Sgt. Jaafar** stated he responded to a call himself about dogs at that location and found none. He informed members of the community that if there are any homes being stripped or dogs they can call his office between 8:00am and 4:00pm and they will come out.

**WC Comm. B. Leland** stated in his community they have a problem with speeding vehicles and needs more enforcement.

**B. Griffin** stated she passed out fliers to most of the businesses in the area because they should have some involvement along with the residential community.

**G. McElroy** asked for an update on the 8<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

**Chairperson Holley** stated everyone needed to wait to see what Mayor Bing is proposing before an update can be given on the opening of any old or new facility.

**J. Spratley** stated she wanted to echo what Mr. Leland stated about the speeding vehicles, and would like some help.

**S. Jackson** stated he just purchased a house in the District and is having a problem with his neighbor's pit bulls because they are jumping his fence.

**AC Fleming** stated for Mr. Jackson to speak with Cmdr. Love and they will get him some help.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**